

things that you had questions about last year and have changed those. There is three members, one from each congressional district. Only one of them is required to be an attorney. The other two are to have experience in mass appraisal techniques and we list out those qualifications and, as I'm talking to you, I'm going to find them so I can refer to the specific ones, but the reason I did that is that one of the members I wanted to have some ability to have a record so if you did want to appeal to the court of appeals that you would use the rules of evidence and would have a formal hearing so they could have a record to appeal on and I kind of figured that at least the Chair ought to have some sense and knowledge of administrative law and of the rules of evidence and so I removed...two of the three are now nonattorneys. The Chairman would be but simply for the purposes of providing a record for appeal. And you can still have an informal hearing and not use the rules of evidence, but if you choose to do that, you're not going to have a record on which to go to the court of appeals, but you still get your opportunity for an independent three-person panel to take a look at your protest or your appeal. If you do want that hearing, you make the discussion or you make the notice telling them that you want to use the rules of evidence and then you're going to get a formal hearing. In that formal hearing, you'll have the rules of evidence, you'll have a record there and that's something you then appeal from as a full transcript. I'm going to look at that, those requirements, Senator, if I can, here real quickly. Section 4 of the bill, it starts on the bottom of page 3 where it outlines each commissioner shall devote her full time or his full time that they'll have knowledge of the terms for appraisals, adequate knowledge of depreciation theories, capitalization, real estate appraisals and so on, an understanding of land economics, some knowledge of the law relating to taxation, but basically I took what you and Senator Vrtiska said last year and cut two of the three out.

SENATOR AVERY: Okay. In kind of following that up further, this board will stand in and become kind of a permanent entity in terms of governmental entity to...does this process?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator Avery. What they're going to do is replace the district court for hearing protests...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and appeals of equalization on the